

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

Children raised £246 last week for Children in Need. Monies have been sent off. Thank you all for your generous donations to the talent show, cake stall and contributions for wearing non uniform. Ruby even donated all of her pocket money and this contribution was matched by her parents. What a thoughtful thing for you all to do.

We have been analysing progress data as a school this week and looking at a range of ways in which we can support the children to make even better progress and build further on their successes. Next week we have a number of visitors due in to school. Liz Gibbs, a maths consultant joins us on Monday and we have a review day on Wednesday where we will be joined by Headteachers from two local primaries, as well as a Standards and Excellence Officer from the Local Authority, as part of our school improvement work on our journey "From Good to Unstoppable." They will be challenging us about the impact of our work and our plans for ensuring the school fast becomes a centre for outstanding learning. We are very excited about the work that is going on in the school and are looking forward to sharing it.

## Star of the Week

This week our value has been DETERMINATION. We have been thinking about events in the news this week and considering the British Value 'Mutual Respect' as we have considered and discussed the different ways in which we all learn and how we need to respect each other in our uses of technology. Children have had their own thoughts on the subject which they have recorded on post it notes and left on the display board. Our pupils of the week for determination are Ashton in Oaks; Taylor in Hawthorn; Jack in Rowan; Amy in Chestnut and Kaitlyn in Silver Birch. Next week the value we will be considering is COOPERATION.

## Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket" Our whole school attendance figure for the school year is 97% and for the week is 96.5%. The class with the best attendance this week was Chestnut with 99%.

## In the Community

More children have been busy swimming and they have been gaining even more awards in the Rainbow Swimming Awards Scheme. Elsie has swum 10m. Well done Elsie.

## Cancer Research UK Christmas Fayre

The Cancer Research UK Christmas Fayre will be held in the Knodishall Village Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November (TOMORROW) between 11am and 3pm. Entry is free and there will be a complimentary glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, a chance to visit Father Christmas in his grotto, a grand raffle draw, tombola, gifts and lots more.

## PTA News

The cloth bags with the faces of all the children and staff on them (all drawn by the children) are still available to order via the school office. They would make a really useful gift especially now the 5p carrier bag charge has come into effect everywhere.

## Good Behaviour Awards

Taylor, Isla, Noah, Nicole and Mollie went onto gold this week on the behaviour chart for spelling, phonics and literacy work, super attitudes to learning, working independently and setting good examples in learning. Learning behaviour and effort have a huge impact on progress so these children should be very proud of themselves. The following children have attained their

ten house point certificates this week: Sofia. Well done Sofia! The following children achieved their twenty five house point certificates this week: Amelia, Georgina, Shantos, Lily, Harry, Daisy, Florence and Isla. Well done everyone. What a lot of hard work has gone into getting so many house points! Keep it up.

#### Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes

Thank you again to all of you who have donated shoe boxes of Christmas goodies for children across the world. This year our boxes will be going to children in Kyrgystan, which used to be part of Russia. Thirty Five boxes will be delivered from the families of children at Coldfair Green and will make a real difference to the children who receive them. Thank you all.

#### Diffendoofer Day

On Monday we will be holding our Maths Day "Diffendoofer Day". The children will have heard all about a 'diffendoofer school' in assembly today (A Dr Seuss story) and heard about the innovative ways in which the children there learn. We have decided to take on the term and our Maths Day on Monday 28.11.16 will begin our journey en route to becoming a "Diffendoofer School" ourselves. On Monday we will be exploring maths mastery and will be using a range of manipulatives to enable children to engage with maths in a very concrete way, building on what they already know and working towards increasingly complex calculations. We have a specialist maths consultant joining us for the day and have asked her to lead a Maths Learning Café for parents on Monday afternoon. This will begin at 1.30pm and we would like to invite you all to join us.

#### Diary Dates

28.11.16 "Diffendoofer Day" Maths Day - Parents Maths Mastery Maths café at 1.30pm

(Snape Primary KS2 children and Parents are joining us on this day too)

01.02.16 RE Day - Celebrations - The Nativity

05.12.16 Phonics Screening Week - Year One Children

Week beginning 05.12.16 Hour of Code - All classes

07.12.16 School Christmas Fayre 2pm - all welcome

12.12.16 KS1 Nativity Play - Baubles 2pm and 5.30pm

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14.12.16 Art and Music Day - The Nutcracker

15.12.16 Christmas Dinner

15.12.16 Violins Concert 3.15pm

15.12.16 Carols round the Tree at Mill Hill 6.30pm

19.12.16 Christmas Disco

**20.12.16 LAST DAY OF TERM**